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# Meadows Country Club files for bankruptcy



A sign near the bag drop at The Meadows Country Club indicates “All facilities are temporarily closed”. The restaurant and golf courses at The Meadows Country Club are closed after the club filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy in early July 2025. MIKE LANG/SARASOTA HERALD-TRIBUNE

## Facilities had been in decline for years

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Once a pioneer of the Sarasota retirement golf community landscape, one of the area’s largest and most familiar golf clubs is closed for business and entrenched in bankruptcy pro-

ceedings after a protracted decline. The Meadows Country Club filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy July 7, capping a slide that’s shut down the golf courses, tennis courts and other facilities. The filing comes as Meadows residents continue to express confusion and frustration with their community association, which purchased the land

under the club years earlier. Founded in 1976 by developer Frank Taylor, The Meadows was one of the area’s first major golf communities. It began with a single 18-hole course, expanding to three courses totaling 54 holes, along with more than 85 lakes and waterways and 14 miles of walking and biking trails across the development’s 1,650 acres.

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The Meadows contains three golf courses totaling 54 holes, miles of walking and biking trails and 85 waterways across its 1,650 acres. The development’s golf courses and restaurant have been closed since April 30 amid the country club’s bankruptcy proceedings. HEATHER BUSHMAN/SARASOTA HERALD-TRIBUNE

# DOJ calls justices to rule on firearms

Administration stepping into gun rights litigation

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USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – After the Supreme Court in 2022 made it harder to restrict who can arm themselves in public, some states took a different approach. Five Democrat-led, mostly densely populated states passed laws that prohibit bringing a handgun onto someone else’s property without that person’s express consent. Now the Trump administration wants the Supreme Court to declare that such rules in Hawaii, California, New York, Maryland and New Jersey violate the Constitution.

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# Nissan to close its ‘mother factory’

Flagship Japanese plant has been open since 1961

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Nissan announced July 15 the company will close its flagship factory just south of Tokyo in Oppama, Japan, the latest step in the company’s cost-cutting efforts. The move is part of a larger company shakeup that includes cutting 11,000 jobs and closing seven of its manufacturing plants worldwide. The automaker’s U.S. manufacturing plants in Smyrna, Tennessee, and Canton, Mississippi, remain in full swing,

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